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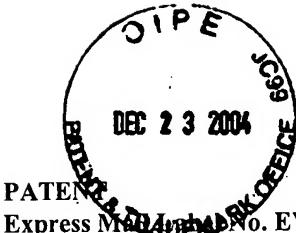
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in connection with the above-identified application responsive to the non-final Office Action dated September 24, 2004.

() Applicant claims small entity under 37 CFR 1.27.
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Total Claims	7	20 (at least 20)	0	x\$25=	\$	<u>OR</u>	x\$50=	\$ 0	
Indep. Claims	2	3 (at least 3)	0	x\$100=	\$	<u>OR</u>	x\$200=	\$ 0	
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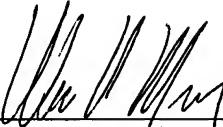
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Respectfully submitted,



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I. Introductory Comments

In Response to the Official Action mailed on September 24, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application, please amend the application as set forth in the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.